

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2022*

**Statement on the Migrant Deaths in San Antonio, Texas**

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The tragic loss of life in San Antonio, Texas, that took place yesterday is horrifying and heartbreaking. Our prayers are with those who lost their lives, their loved ones, as well as those still fighting for their lives. As always, I am grateful for the swift work of all of the Federal, State, and local first responders.

While we are still learning all the facts about what happened and the Department of Homeland Security has the lead for the investigation, initial reports are that this tragedy was caused by smugglers or human traffickers who have no regard for the lives they endanger and exploit to make a profit.

This incident underscores the need to go after the multibillion-dollar criminal smuggling industry preying on migrants and leading to far too many innocent deaths. In Los Angeles, 2 weeks ago, I announced that the United States has launched a first-of-its kind antismuggling campaign with our regional partners. In the first 3 months, we have made over 2,400 arrests, and that work will only intensify in the months ahead.

Exploiting vulnerable individuals for profit is shameful, as is political grandstanding around tragedy, and my administration will continue to do everything possible to stop human smugglers and traffickers from taking advantage of people who are seeking to enter the United States between ports of entry.

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